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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 11442 ACTION SECSTATE AUGUST 9.

QUOTE S E C R E T MOSCOW 11442

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DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR TOON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, UR, XF, US

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SOVIET DEMARCHE ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: (A) STATE 185996 (TOSEC 080175)

(B) STATE 186529 (SECTO 08086)

(C) STATE 187015 (TOSEC 080208)

(D) STATE 179459

(E) MOSCOW 10986

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1. PROPOSED TALKING POINTS (REF C) ARE RIGHT ON TARGET ESPECIALLY IN TAKING SOVIETS TO TASK FOR THE INTEMPERATE ACCUSATORY TONE OF VASEV'S AUGUST 6 DEMARCHE AND THEIR UNHELPFUL CARPING MEDIA ATTACKS AGAINST YOUR CURRENT TRIP. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION, I RECOMMEND DELETION OF THE CLAUSE "WE TRUST THAT THIS IS NOT ACCURATE REFLECTION OF SOVIET POLICY" IN NINTH TICK SO THAT THE SENTENCE WOULD READ "WE HOPE (REQUEST) THAT THE SOVIET GOVERN-

MENT WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT ITS OFFICIAL MEDIA DO NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT ON GOAL OF EARLY RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE."

2. IF I MAY INDULGE IN TUESDAY MORNING QUARTERBACKING, I THINK THIS UNFORTUNATE EPISODE AGAIN UNDERSCORES THE NECESSITY OF A TWO TRACK EFFORT ON OUR PART TO BRIEF THE SOVIETS THOROUGHLY HERE AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON SO AS TO AVOID OR AT LEAST MINIMIZE MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT MAY ARISE BECAUSE OF SOVIET REPORTING TO MOSCOW THROUGH THE FILTERS OF DOBRYNIN ET AL.

3. IN MY VIEW, SOVIET DEMARCHE IS HEIGHT OF IMPERTINENCE ESPECIALLY AFTER YOUR FULL AND FRANK EXPOSITION OF VASEV ON JULY 30 OF OUR TACTICS FOR LAUNCHING GENEVA. I CAN'T AVOID FEELING THAT OUR INPUT IS FALLING BETWEEN STOOLS. THIS LEADS ME TO PROPOSE THAT THE RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET DEMARCHE BE DELIVERED HERE AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON AND THAT WHEN YOU BRIEF DOBRYNIN PRIOR TO YOUR CHINA TRIP I RUN THROUGH A PARALLEL EXERCISE HERE. TOON UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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